



Supernatural: Stranger Things | October 18, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

If we are being honest, we can admit that the Bible is full of a whole bunch of strange things. Some things we might understand and others we do not.

Key Verse

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."



Discussion

We all have idiosyncrasies that others probably find strange or even downright weird. Some of us will drink piping hot coffee in the middle of summer and some of us may drink iced coffee in the midst of a snowstorm. Still others might think coffee is disgusting. The truth is, when things don't match our reality or expectation, it can be difficult to reconcile.

1. What's something you do (that you find perfectly normal) that you believe others find strange or weird?
2. What about things you see others do that you find to be odd, strange, or weird?

One of the main reasons we view something as strange or weird is because of our knowledge or experience. When someone orders iced coffee in the middle of winter perhaps they have a reason that we know nothing about. Coffee is pretty mundane when it comes to disagreements. What do we do when we disagree with a belief system or philosophy? What do we do when we don't understand God or the Bible?

3. On a larger scale that things people do that are weird, can you think of anything you just don't understand?
4. Can you think of an example from the Bible that you find difficulty understanding or maybe even believing?

If we are being honest, the Bible is full of weird things and things that can be difficult to understand. Things like resurrection, Immaculate Conception, talking bushes, murder, and serpents in gardens can make it difficult to explain to others or believe ourselves. The first thing to consider is that it is okay to not understand everything. It's even okay to disagree with something. The Bible says in Isaiah that some of God's thoughts and ways are beyond our comprehension. Because we cannot see everything that God sees, we lack understanding.

5. Are there any things from the Bible that you have become okay with not understanding?
6. What are some places that your life experience or relationships have not matched what you have learned or understood about God?

What's Next?

There are three things to take away from this discussion: 1. Ask God for help in understanding where you struggle to believe or understand, 2. Ask for help letting go of some of the desires you have to understand everything and become more comfortable with weird, and 3. Seek to understand others in the places their experience and beliefs don't match yours.

This week we hope that you will stand in awe of God's creation and greater plan, seek to better understand his ways, and become more comfortable in the strangeness of faith.